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It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated, December 19, 2001 be extended for a period of 1 month(s) from March 19, 2001 to and including April 19, 2002.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$110.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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